a survey of Urban Trade interest in order to ascertain the conditions of trade. The organisation of a land mortgage bank in Travancore, with a view to relieve to some extent the agricultural indebtedness in the State, the provision of additional trade and banking facilities and the amendments to the Chitty, Co-operative and Company Regulations are some of the important matters which are expected to be dealt with by the Committee. The Committee is also collecting evidence as to the working of the Agricultural and Land Improvement Loans Regulation IX of 1094. The report of the Committee is expected to be ready by the end of Kanni 1106.

29. *Rebate of duty on petrol.*—The Indian Road Development Committee constituted by the Government of India recommended that the duty on petrol be raised from four to six annas per gallon and that a portion of the revenue derived by such enhancement be apportioned among the Indian States as well, the basis of such apportionment being fixed on the total petrol consumption. In accordance with the above recommendation, the Government of India have raised the duty from 1st April 1929. The question of our share of the proceeds of the additional petrol tax is under correspondence.

## CAPITAL EXPENDITURE NOT CHARGED TO REVENUE.

30. *Railways—Chackay-Tampanoor Extension.*—The aggregate expenditure to the end of the current year on the Extension is expected to be Rs 12·65 lakhs. The balance of Rs 6·5 lakhs out of the sanctioned estimate of Rs 19·15 lakhs is budgeted for 1106. The lands required for the extension have mostly been acquired and the Special Land Acquisition Office is proposed to be closed at the end of the current year leaving the unfinished work and any new work that might come in to be attended to by the Land Revenue Department with the aid of the small additional staff proposed for the Division Cutcherry, Trivandrum.

*Quilon-Trivandrum line.*—A provision of Rs ·57 of a lakh is made for capital works on the line, as detailed in Appendix G of the budget.

31. *Trivandrum Water Works.*—Out of the sanctioned estimate of Rs 46·22 lakhs for the works to be immediately executed, a sum of Rs 17·46 lakhs is anticipated to be spent up to the end of 1105. The work is well in progress. The transport of the pipes to the pipe track in the main supply line is expected to be completed before the close of the year. The trenching and supports have been put in hand and are in progress. At Aruvikkarai, the blasting out of the foundation trench for the dam has been completed and the trench lowered

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to the required depth. The site for the low level surface reservoir at Vellayambalam has been almost made ready by levelling, drainage etc. Materials for the construction of the Filter House are being supplied by the contractors and those required for the Filter Plant have been delivered by the Firm which will proceed with the erection of the Filter Plant as per the terms of their contract, as soon as the masonry and structural works of the Filter House are ready. The preliminary works in connection with the high level service reservoir at the Observatory Hill are also in hand. The final location and survey of the town distribution lines have also been completed.

The allotment of Rs 17·36 lakhs provided for construction works next year is distributed under the following items :—

| | | *Rupees in lakhs* |
|---|---|---|
| i. | Land compensation ... | ·36 |
| ii. | Dam, Head works and settling tank at Aruvikkarai ... | 2·04 |
| iii. | Main supply line ... | 1·50 |
| iv. | Water purification—constructing Filter House etc. ... | 2·20 |
| v. | Service Reservoirs and Pumping Plant ... | 1·30 |
| vi. | Town Distribution system ... | 8·75 |
| vii. | Tools and Plant for construction ... | 1·20 |
| viii. | Other petty works ... | ·01 |
| | Total ... | 17·36 |

32. *The Trivandrum Electric Supply and Telephone Schemes—Electric Supply.*—The original programme provided for 26 miles of overhead lines, 4½ miles of underground cables, 1000 street lights, 4 sub-stations and 3 generating sets at an estimated cost of Rs 4·30 lakhs. All the works in accordance with this estimate have been practically carried out and an allotment of Rs 10,000 is provided in the next year's budget to complete the same. In view of the growing demand for power, a further extension of 6 miles of over-head lines, 4 miles of under-ground cables, the construction of two more sub-stations, 200 additional street lights and the installation of a 4th generating set of higher horse power were sanctioned at an estimated cost of Rs 1·64 lakhs. The engine has already arrived and is in course of erection. Of the 6 miles of over-head lines included in the second estimate, 3½ miles have been

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completed and all the cables have been laid. The work as per this estimate is expected to be completed by Tulam 1106 and a provision of Rs ·80 of a lakh is made under Incomplete works in the next year's budget. As the demand for power is further increasing, a provision of Rs ·60 of a lakh is made under new works for the extension of the over-head lines by another 6 miles, for one mile of cable and for other works detailed in Appendix I of the budget estimate. The total provision for Electric Supply for 1106 thus amounts to Rs 1·50 lakhs. It may be mentioned that the net receipts from the working of the scheme during 1106 are expected to amount to Rs ·63 of a lakh.

33. *Telephone Exchange.*—This work which is estimated to cost Rs ·67 of a lakh has made good progress. The Exchange building has already been completed and all the materials and instruments required for the work have arrived at site. About 8 miles of over-head lines connecting up the subscribers to the Exchange have also been finished. An allotment of Rs ·23 of a lakh is provided in the next year's estimate for the completion of the sanctioned works, for new works and for establishment charges as detailed in Appendix I. The entire work in connection with this scheme is expected to be completed by the end of Tulam 1106.

34. *Sinking Funds.*—The capital expenditure met by the Secretary of State on account of the Shencotta—Quilon Railway amounts to Bh. Rs 138·74 lakhs and the capital expenditure incurred by this State for the Quilon-Trivandrum line amounts to Bh. Rs 53·50 lakhs. The Sinking Funds created in connection with the Railway and the Debenture Loan of 1091 amount now to Rs 63·79 and the whole sum is practically invested in gilt-edged securities.

35. *Loans.*—A provision of Rs 2 lakhs for the grant of loans under the Agricultural and Land Improvement Loans Regulation and of rupees half a lakh for Industrial loans is made in the estimate for 1106 as against Rs 1·60 lakhs and Rs ·20 of a lakh respectively in the current year.

## FINANCIAL POSITION.

36. A statement of our assets and liabilities as at the close of 1105 and 1106 is given on page 7 of the Budget Estimates. The total booked assets at the close of last year amounted to Rs 364·08 lakhs and the liabilities to Rs 193·95 lakhs and according to the revised estimates of the current year the assets would amount to Rs 371·80 lakhs and the liabilities to Rs 210·37 lakhs. Our surplus investments at the end of 1104 stood at Rs 221·40 lakhs.

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